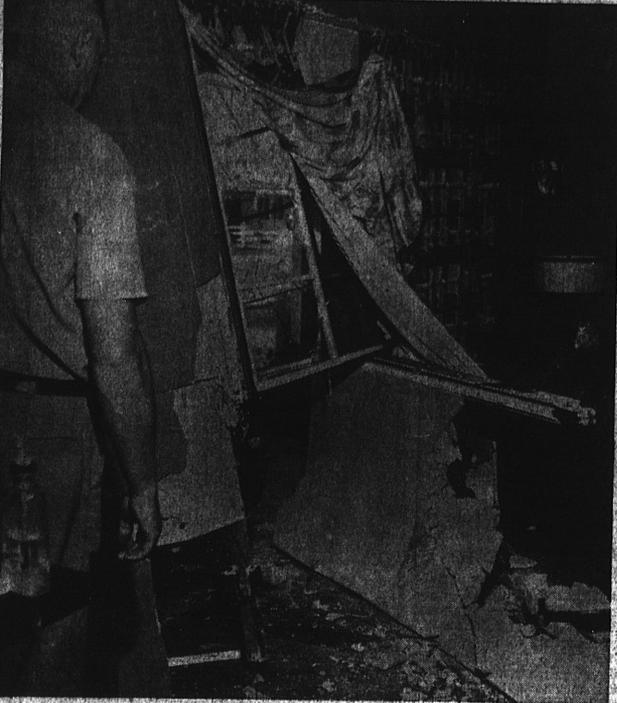


SOUTHLAND PRAISES BABYSITTER WHO SAVED FOUR IN HOME FIRE



SCANS DAMAGE . . . Neighbor looks at huge hole in front room of Mrs. Dorothy Lampley home, 4308 W. 178th St., caused when car rammed front of house. Police say 10-year-old William L. Lampley, Jr., was steering the stalled car while another boy pushed it. Youngster lost control and couldn't find brakes in time to avert plowing into his own home.

Youth Band Fails in Bid for City Subsidy

An organized presentation of its case before the City Council failed this week to alter previous decisions that the subsidy for the Torrance Area Youth Band would be dropped from the 1956-57 budget.

Directing the presentation of the band plea to the Council was its president, W. E. Bowen, who introduced Yolanda Goldsmith, Miss Torrance of 1955; Band Director James Van Dyck, and others who spoke on behalf of the organization.

A motion by Councilman Drake that the funds be restored died for lack of a second.

J. W. Davidson, instrumental instructor at Torrance High School, spoke on the community need filled by the Youth Band, which has been organized here for the past 10 years.

Marjlyn Wilde, music instructor for the school district, emphasized that the work of the band had been reflected in the interest in music among her students.

Mrs. Wilde also referred to the annual Artists' Concert series under the sponsorship of the band which has drawn internationally famous artists to Torrance.

Van Dyck outlined the history of the organization, saying that it had been built up from a slow beginning to the point where more than 100 Torrance area youth were regularly enrolled members of the band and that a music and instrument inventory valued between \$17,000 and \$18,000 had been acquired.

Van Dyck said yesterday that he did not know what the future of the band would be.

Meetings with the officers of the organization are being scheduled to discuss the situation. In the meantime, Van Dyck announced three more entries in the band-sponsored "Miss Torrance" contest, indicating that plans for the annual beauty pageant would not be dropped. This contest has selected the top Torrance beauty for several years and one winner, Sandra Lee Constance, went on to compete in the internationally famous "Miss Universe" contest and a successful modeling career.

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Big Shopping Center Approved by Council

Council Gives Green Light to Developers

Petitions for variance to permit commercial development of a huge west Torrance area were approved without comment by the City Council here this week, opening the way for establishment of a shopping center which could be one of the Southland's finest.

Granted a variance on its petition before the city was the Del Amo Estates Co., owners of the huge tract of land bounded by Hawthorne, Sepulveda, Madrona, and the westerly extension of Carson St.

Although no announcement on the plans for development of the area have been made, the area has been posted with lease signs by Coldwell-Banker, top-rated California development firm, and Richard Wasson, a Coldwell-Banker representative, attended the Council meeting for the variance matter.

Wasson told reporters at the meeting that he could say nothing about the plans for the area "at this time."

The zone variance which would permit commercial development on the property was recommended for approval last week by the city's Planning Commission.

When it came before the Council here Tuesday, the only question raised was one about the meaning of a condition to the approval which referred to paving. With the explanation that the Council had previously settled that matter, the motion to approve the variance passed unanimously.



YOUNG HEROINE . . . Sandra McAbee, 13, scans HERALD headlines of her heroic deed of saving four children from fire last week while on babysitting duty. Sandra, of 1016 Flat St., led four small children of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hamilton, 1130 Flat, to safety after fire started in the Hamiltons' home. She was acclaimed for heroic action.

SCHOOL DISTRICT GETS \$130,000 IN FEDERAL AID

The Torrance Unified School District was \$130,000 richer this week after officials reported they had received the money from the United States Office of Education as certified payment under Public Law 874.

Warren Hamilton, director of special services for the district, said the \$130,476 arrived here Tuesday. The federal grant is money for current operation, Hamilton said, and was an expected income listed in the current budget.

The grant is based upon certain children in the district whose parents work in nearby federal facilities. Public Law 874 provides financial assistance for schools in federally affected areas.

A tentative entitlement for the fiscal year 1956-57 for \$144,973.49 has been set aside for the Torrance district, according to S. M. Brownell, federal commissioner of education. Additional payments under the law will be subject to adjustments as may be required by actual data in place of estimates and by the availability of funds, a federal official said.

Class Registration

Registration for the six-week summer session at Harbor Junior College will be held Monday from 9 a. m. to 3 p. m.

13-Year-Old Tells Story on Television

Accolades for heroic action continued to fall around Sandra McAbee, 13-year-old Torrance girl, who last week led four youngsters from a flaming house to safety.

The local girl, who found wide-spread fame through newspaper stories and pictures because of "the deed," was awarded \$100 by one group as a safety prize. She appeared on "Eye Witness," a KTLA Channel 5 television presentation the day following the fire to describe her action.

She was babysitting for the Charles W. Hamiltons at their 1130 Flat Street home when she smelled smoke. She opened a bedroom door and saw the blaze coming from a closet.

Sandra then led the four smallest Hamiltons—Charles, 6, Carol Ann, 5, Sharon, 4, and Debbie, 3, to safety. She received congratulations from the children's parents, her family and friends and neighbors.

Meanwhile neighbors of the burned out family are seeking help for them. Friends of the Hamiltons are asking donations for the family, since they lost all their clothing and other personal belongings in the blaze.

Anyone wishing to donate articles may call Mary Goolsby, FA 8-8161, or Billie Robertson, FA 8-7385.

Formal Budget Hearings To Start Next Tuesday

A balanced city budget totaling \$2,775,122 will be the subject of two public hearings next month before the City Council which will pave the way for its final adoption and the setting of the tax rate for 1956.

Slm hopes that the city might be able to maintain the record budget on the present rate, which is \$1.184 per \$100 of assessed valuation, was held out by City Manager George Stevens this week as he said the rate probably would be sufficient if the city's assessed valuation reached \$120,000,000. His budget is drawn up with an estimated valuation of \$114,800,000.

"Financing the services required by the citizens of our booming community continues to be a serious problem," Stevens said in a letter accompanying his proposed budget.

Homes Set Pace

"The increase in assessed valuations of our city has not kept pace with the population growth," he said. "This is partially due to the large number of veterans' exemptions applicable to the new homes being built, and to the fact that the residential growth has outstripped the industrial and commercial development for the time being. To offset this, substantial growth in industrial and commercial developments are being planned. Also, the County Assessor has raised the valuation on land within our city," he wrote.

The City Manager explained that city property taxes on the average home brought to the city about \$25 a year while it cost about \$100 a year to furnish the services.

More Sales Tax

Some of the increased revenues for the city outlined by Stevens will include sales and use tax receipts, which has been estimated at \$750,000 for the year. Others would include automobile in lien taxes, gasoline taxes, and other funds in which the city shares.

"Again the major item in the general fund budget is salaries," Stevens reported. Approximately 70 per cent of the operating budget is earmarked for payrolls. This will include a pay increase of 7 1/2 per cent with a \$25-a-month

Dedication Today At El Nido Building

The new community and recreation building for El Nido Park will be dedicated today at 2 p. m., Supervisor Kenneth Hahn announced this week.

El Nido Park is located at 182nd St. and Kingsdale Ave. in Torrance.

George Morehart, president of the El Nido Civic Association, will be master of ceremonies. Pledge of allegiance will be led by Boy Scout Troop 067, South Bay district, and Scoutmaster Lewis La Francois. Robert Horton, district scout executive, will also participate.

Girl Scouts of Centinela Valley Girl Scout Council will sing "America the Beautiful" and "God Bless America." Mrs. R. Brown is leader, and Mrs. Robin Willis, council president.

Leads Invocation

The invocation will be led by Rev. C. E. Neukirchner, pastor of Pentecostal Holiness church.

Many community leaders and officials of neighboring cities will attend.

The following Chamber of Commerce officials and civic leaders have been invited: Robert Cerny, president, Lawndale Chamber of Commerce; Albert S. Greenberg, president, Gardena Valley Chamber of Commerce; John Ebbinghouse, president, Torrance Chamber of Commerce; Clyde Walker, president, Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce.

Other Dignitaries

Others include G. W. (Bill) Evans, president, Torrance Coordinating Council; John Kes-



JOIN QUEEN RACE . . . Three new entrants in the "Miss Torrance" contest finals scheduled for July 27 were announced this morning by James Van Dyck, director of the sponsoring Torrance Area Youth Band. Left to right are Marie Coleman, 17, of 5202 Calle Mayor; Karen Brunel, 16, of 124 Via Sego, and Jimmie Scott, 25, of 3618 W. 181st St.